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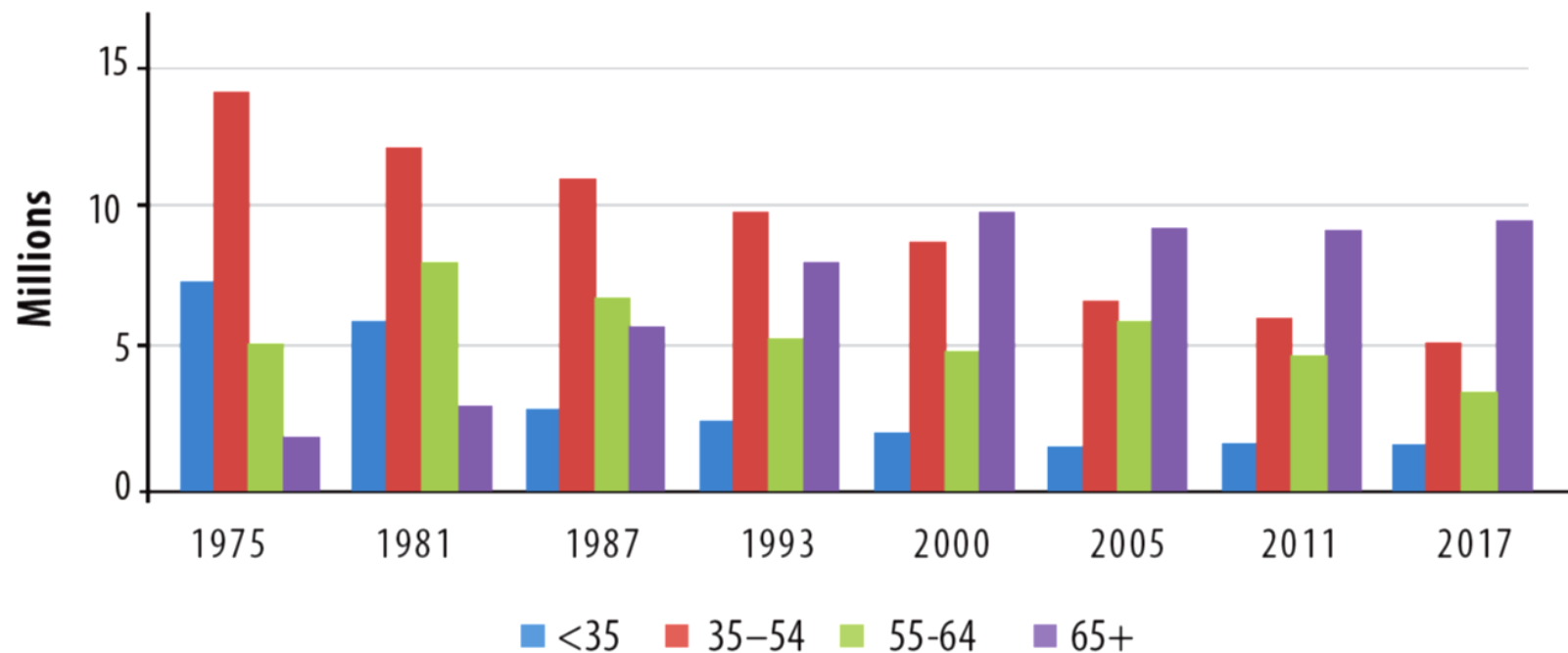


# AN AGING VETERAN POPULATION



## Number of Living Veterans

by Age Groups, 1975-2017



# THE RISE IN COMPENSATION

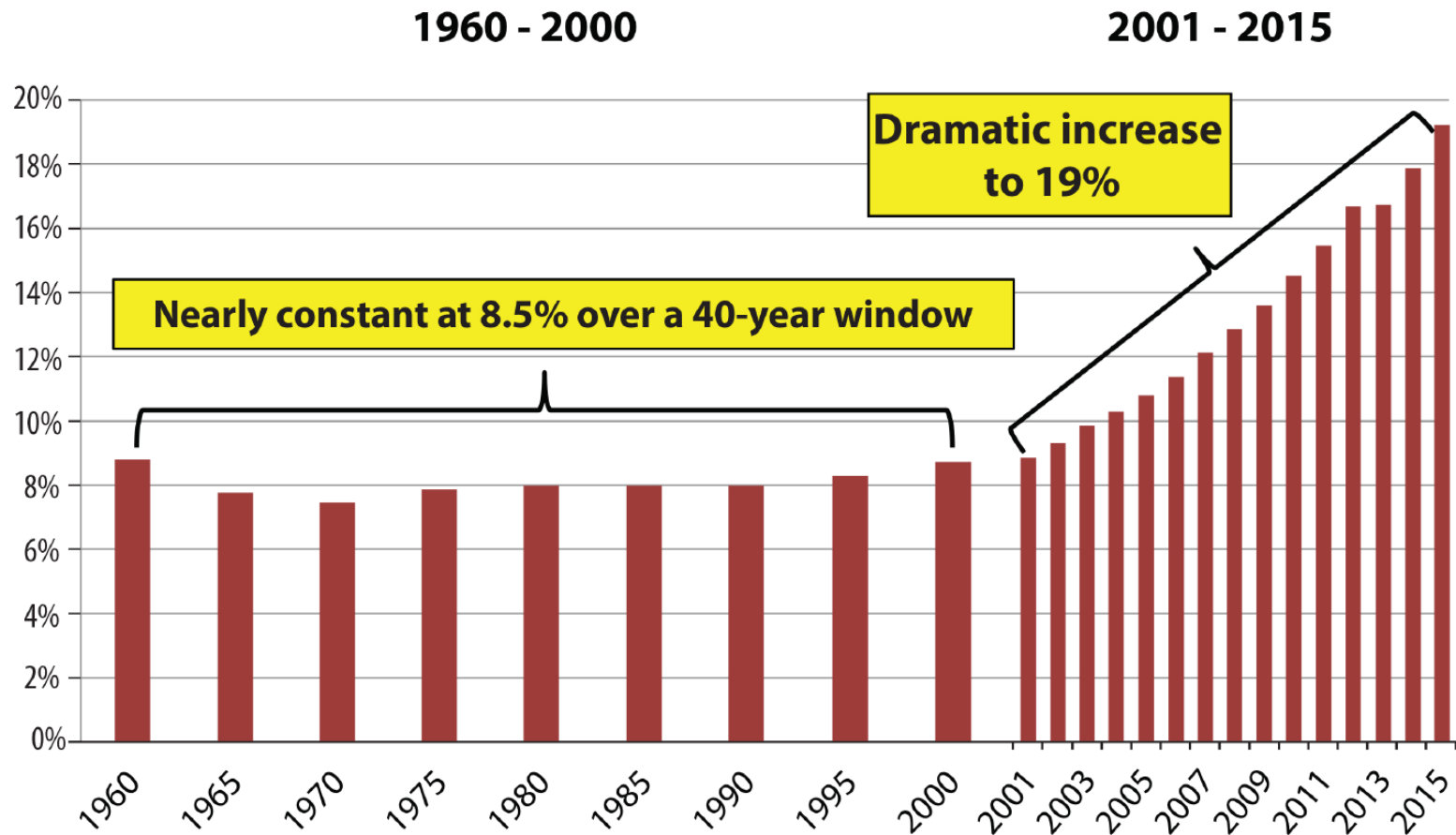


## Percent of Veterans Receiving Disability Compensation

VA



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



# FACTORS FUELING DEMAND

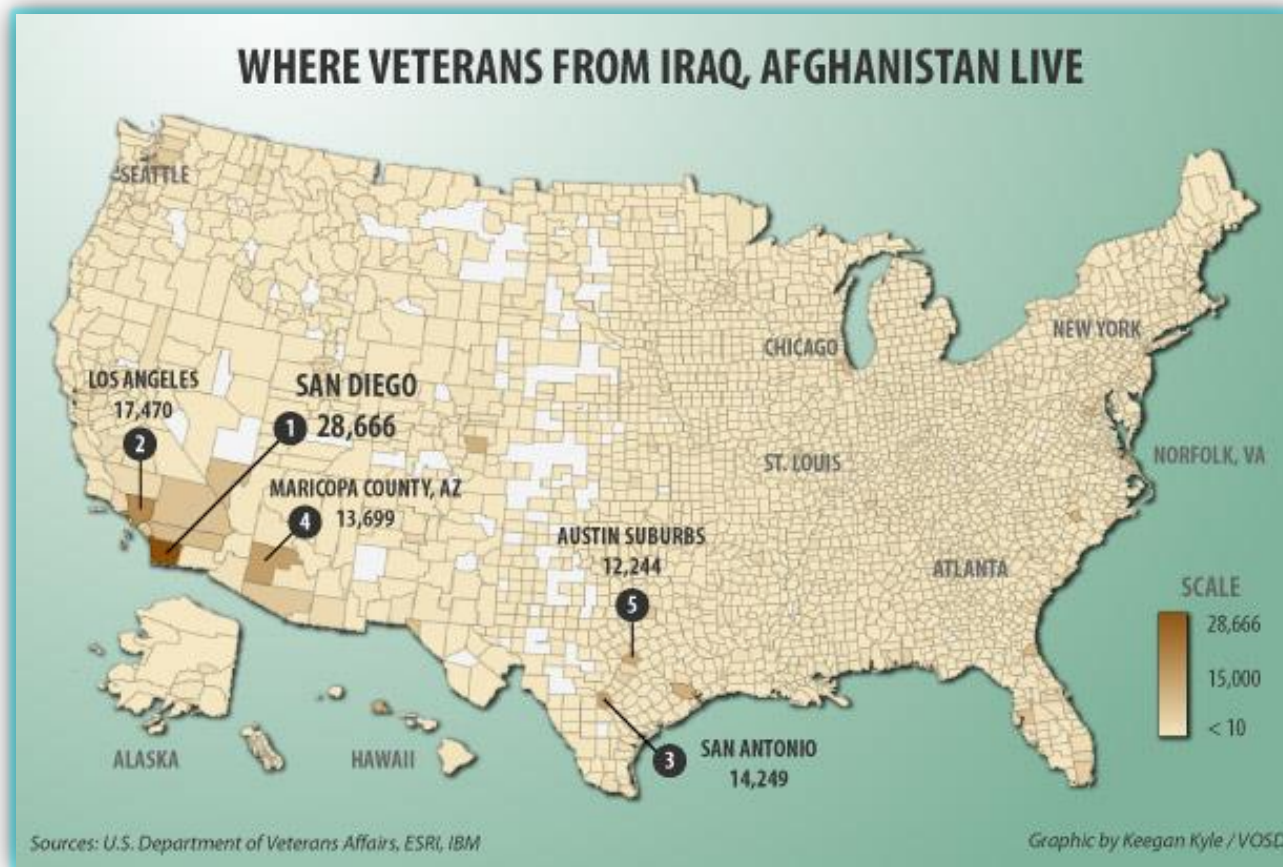


- ☆ Aging Veteran population
- ☆ More than a decade of war
- ☆ Agent Orange-related claims
- ☆ Unlimited claims appeal process
- ☆ Increased medical claims issues
- ☆ Higher survival rates of the wounded
- ☆ More sophisticated methods for identifying and treating Veterans

# VETERANS IN SAN DIEGO



## SAN DIEGO AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES AMONG TOP 5 REGIONS IN THE COUNTRY FOR RETURNING VETERANS AS OF 2010





- **Veterans**

- 235,877 veterans in San Diego County
- 826,000 including their families and survivors

- **Active Duty Military**

- 115,000 active-duty military in our county
- 403,00 including their families

- **Total Lives**

- 1.2 million people

**39% of the county's population**





- Integral part of the Health & Human Services Agency
- Recognized as the most productive County Veteran Service Office in California for the past 14 years
- Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA) offers:
  - Comprehensive benefits counseling
  - Disability claims preparation, submission and appeal
  - Approves CALVET College Tuition Fee Waivers
  - Information and referral
  - Outreach





- **Vet Connect Pilot**

- First of its kind is underway in the Julian County Library
- Veteran clients connect via video teleconference from the Library to a Veteran Services Representative (VSR) located at the OMVA

- **Military & Veterans Resource Center (MVRC)**

- Opened July 2015 in Escondido
- VSRs are co-located with 14 non-profit Veteran Support Organizations
- Transition Classes



*Military & Veterans Resource Center coming soon to South Bay*

*Opening 2016!*



## ■ **Veteran Outreach**

### — Additional Veterans Outreach Stations at County Libraries:

- Rancho San Diego
- El Cajon
- Pine Valley
- Ramona
- *Coming soon* –
  - Borrego Springs
  - Campo
  - Chula Vista

### — **VA Presence**

- VA Clinics
- VA Medical Center



# INTEL & RECON FOR MILITARY & VETERANS PROJECT



- Brought 38 County Departments together to explore how County programs can work together to better serve County Military & Veterans
- Completed an assessment of current veteran services and identified gaps
- Focus Groups Include:
  - Benefits
  - Housing & Employment
  - Behavioral Health & Family Stress
  - Outreach
  - Data
- Informed the development of a comprehensive strategic plan that will improve how the County and our community partners serves active military, veterans and their families
- Accomplishments will be presented at a Board Conference on November 17, 2015

